

TO INVESTIGATE MONEY STRINGENCY

Senator Culberson's Resolution
Therefor to Be Pressed by
Its Patron.

FLOOD FOR CHAIRMANSHIP

Petersburg's Battlefield Park Bill.
Preparing Plans for Rich-
mond Post-Office Now.

Times-Dispatch Bureau,
Munsey Building,
Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.

The assignments of minority mem-
bers to Senate committees was an-
nounced by the Democratic Steering
Committee of the Senate this after-
noon. The only change made in the
assignments of Virginia Senators is
the appointment of Senator Daniel to
the Committee on Finance.

An important resolution introduced
today by Senator Culberson, leader
of the Democrats of the Senate, pro-
vides for instructing the Senate Fi-
nance Committee to investigate and
report upon the present money string-
ency. The resolution directs that the
committee report as to the causes of
present conditions, and to suggest a
remedy therefor. The Senator tried to
have the resolution considered at once,
but failed, and it went over as un-
finished business, to be called up to-
morrow, if Senator Culberson desires.

It appears to be the policy of the
Republicans of the House and Senate
to delay all action looking to currency
legislation, as well as to prevent the
adoption of any resolution to investi-
gate existing conditions. Democrats
of the Senate and House are pressing
the question all possible. There is a
chance that the Culberson resolution
will be adopted to-morrow, or on some
day before the adjournment for the
Christmas holidays.

The time of adjournment has been
moved up to next Saturday, the vaca-
tion will last until January 6th.

Flood and the Chairmanship.

Representative Flood said to-day
that his friends are telling him that
he stands an excellent chance to be
made chairman of the Democratic Con-
gressional Campaign Committee. One
of his colleagues remarked to the
Times-Dispatch correspondent that
thirteen votes were absolutely pledged
to Mr. Flood. There are several more
who will vote for him on second bal-
lot. They are primarily for Repre-
sentative Bowers, of Mississippi, who
is regarded as the leading man in the
race, which is led by Mr. Flood and Mr.
Lloyd, of Missouri.

Petersburg Battlefield.

Representative Lassiter said to-day
that he was hopeful of securing the
passage at this session of his con-
current resolution providing that the
secretary shall cause to be made a
survey of the Petersburg battlefield.
He says frankly that the bill is in-
tended largely to secure an expression
from Congress which will show its
attitude toward the proposition to con-
vert the battlefield into a national park.
The resolution is as follows:

"Whereas the military movements
about Petersburg, Va., marked the close
of the greater strategic operations of
the Civil War; and

"Whereas the time is fast approach-
ing when localities made famous by
so many heroic actions will be lost to
historic memory;

"Resolved by the House of Repre-
sentatives (the Senate concurring),
That the Secretary of War be, and he
is hereby, directed to cause to be made
a survey and map of the lines of in-
terment and defense of the city of
Petersburg, Va., during the military
operations about that city during the
years of 1864 to 1865 by the Union and
Confederate armies, and the said map
shall show plainly:

"First—The position of the several
lines, fortifications and roads which
existed in 1864 to 1865.

"Second—The chief stations of the
several corps and division headquarters
of both armies, and the permanent lo-
cations of all artillery, so far as the
same may be conveniently ascertained.

"Third—The boundaries, acreage and

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pkgs. now.....4c

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Best Quality Dates per pound.....6c

Seeded Raisins, 1-lb. pkgs.....12c

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8 pounds Loose Figs.....25c

Best Chocolate Drops, per pound, 12 1/2c

Chalmers' Gelatin, 3 pkgs.....25c

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White "A" Sugar, per pound.....4 1/2c

4 Cans Tomatoes.....35c

1 large box Swift's Brand Soap for.....30c

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plots of land adjacent to, between and
lying within 500 yards on either side
of the said lines.

"Fourth—The courses and distances
of all public highways intersecting said
lines and by which same can be ap-
proached from Petersburg and from
City Point, Va."

Richmond Post-Office Site.

The supervising architect of the
Treasury now has his force engaged in
preparing plans for the Richmond
post-office. There was some delay,
owing to the great rush of work in-
cident to such a vast number of pub-
lic buildings to be erected under the
provisions of the general bill passed at
the last session of Congress. The
building will be erected on the present
site. The architects have not de-
cided whether the present structure
shall be demolished, or whether it shall
be improved. The statute fixes the
site. To have it located elsewhere
would require a congressional enact-
ment.

"Speaker" Byrd in Washington.

Richard Evelyn Byrd, of Winches-
ter, member of the Virginia House of
Delegates here to-day, and called on
various members of the Virginia
delegation.

They all called him "Speaker," as-
suming that the House of Delegates
will choose him to that exalted posi-
tion, as is understood to be his in-
tention. Mr. Byrd has been having some
what of a vacation, visiting friends at
Westover and in Richmond.

Washington and Virginia Appear.

Senator Levi Ankeny, of Washing-
ton, sent to the press gallery to-day sev-
eral bushels of apples from his State,
which, in point of beauty and size, can-
not be excelled. The flavor also
delighted the correspondents, who re-
ceived the gift just about "feeding
time." But it cannot be denied that
while the Pacific slope apples are some-
what larger than the "Virginia" apples,
now on exhibition at Woodward &
Lothrop's, in this city, the Old Domini-
on product, especially the pippins and
the wineapples, are far superior in point
of flavor.

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SMOKER.

Many Well Known Men from This
State Attend Meeting.

NEW YORK, December 16.—The Vir-
ginians of New York, of which so-
ciety the Hon. William Lindsay is gov-
ernor, and Dr. George Tucker Harrison,
vice-governor, held their first "smoker"
of the winter at the Plaza Hotel Sat-
urday. Prominent Virginians present
were Meredith Montague, Snowden and
Malcolm Marshall, Dr. George Bolling
Lee, Lord Fairfax, William Alexander,
Dr. J. Harvie Dew, Walter C. Cabell,
Richard Henry Lee, Judge C. F. Moore,
Dr. Fielding L. Taylor, Rev. C. A. Mil-
ler, Stuart G. Gibbons, John P. East,
J. Chew, H. A. Tabb and Edward
People.

Among those recently registering at
the Plaza from Richmond are George W.
Stevens, Decatur Axtell, W. G. New-
man, George Gunston, H. P. Mitchell,
H. T. Wickham, C. E. Wellford, Dr.
Cowardin, P. M. Fry, Thomas Atkinson,
Fred W. Scott, Louis Bennett, W. R.
Johnston and H. M. Atkinson.

Postal Affairs.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16.—
Postmasters appointed:
Virginia—Endicott, Franklin county,
Isaac M. Canady vice G. O. McAlexander,
resigned.
North Carolina—Melvin Hill, Polk
county, Dr. W. K. Kene vice W. H. Head,
resigned; Wilbur, Wake county, Ed-
ward M. Wyatt vice C. Richardson, resigned.
Rural carriers appointed:
Virginia—readers: Viney route, No. 2,
Oliver M. Snodgrass carrier, S. S. Grig-
ory, substitute.
North Carolina—Franklinton, route
No. 3, Thomas E. Barrekar carrier; How-
ell M. Cook, substitute; Millspring, route
No. 1, James T. Green, carrier; Ervin
C. Smith, substitute.
Rural route No. 2, ordered estab-
lished in March at Holland, Nansemond
county, Virginia, serving 600 people
and 130 families.

JUST HITCHCOCK FROM PIE COUNTER

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16.—
Frank H. Hitchcock, First Assistant
Postmaster-General, who has been the
chief patronage dispenser for the Post-
Office Department, will no longer serve
in that capacity. By the express order
of the President, Postmaster-General
McKee will hereafter make all ap-
pointments, or will make recom-
mendations to the President in the case
of presidential postmasterships.

This order is the direct outcome of
the course pursued by Hitchcock as
the lieutenant of Mr. Cortelyou in re-
moving postmasters who are not Cor-
telyou men, and appointing those who
advocated the nomination of the Sec-
retary of the Treasury to the presi-
dency. The President has scarcely
concealed the fact that he is using his
influence to bring about the nomi-
nation of Secretary Taft. When he
found that a member of his Cabinet,
aided by an understrapper of another
executive department, was trying to
harm his purpose, it was more than
he could stand. Hitchcock's wings
were promptly clipped.

It is not seen how much headway
can now be made by the Cortelyou
people, and the boomlet is regarded as
dead.

BLIND SENATOR IS SWORN IN FOR TERM

Senator Gore, of Oklahoma,
Draws Short Term and Owen
the Long One.

MORE MEN ON COMMITTEES

House Increases Membership of
All More Important Ones
in That Body.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—A

speech by Senator Tillman, filled with
denunciation of the President, the Sec-
retary of the Treasury and Department
of Justice, of financiers and captains
of industry, was the chief subject
of interest in the Senate to-day. His
remarks were based on his resolutions
directing an investigation by the Com-
mittee on Finance of the recent bond
issues, by the Treasury Department
and of the issuance of clearing-house
certificates throughout the country.
Senator Culberson introduced a resolu-
tion directing the congressional in-
vestigation of the cause of the present
financial emergency, and calling on
the Committee on Finance of the
Senate to recommend measures for the
immediate relief of the country. In
the absence of Senator Aldrich, chair-
man of the Committee on Finance, the
resolution was allowed to go over. A
number of other bills were introduced.
The Senate adjourned at 3:15 P. M. The
House session was limited to twenty
minutes, and little business was trans-
acted. The Speaker announced the
appointment of the Committee on Ap-
propriations.

The House adjourned until Thurs-
day. Both houses agreed to adjourn
on Saturday for the Christmas holi-
days, the recess to continue until Janu-
ary 6th.

Senator William P. Frye, of Maine,
was to-day sworn in as president pro
tem of the Senate, continuing his ser-
vices in that office. The two Senators
from Oklahoma were sworn in to-day.
Senator Money presented the creden-
tials of Robert L. Owen, and Sen-
ator Culberson those of Thomas P.
Gore, the blind Senator. They were
escorted to the Vice-President's desk.
Senator Gore walking slowly by the
aid of his cane, and leaning on the
arm of the Texas Senator. After the
oath had been administered to Senator
Gore he was conducted to the desk,
and having his pen properly placed on
the book before him, signed his name
to the Constitution. The terms of the
two Senators were then drawn by lot.
Senator Owen secured the six-year
term and Senator Gore the two-year
term.

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House agreed to a resolution in-
creasing the membership of various
committees by one or two members.
The Ways and Means Committee is
increased to nineteen; Banking and
Currency to nineteen; Coinage, Weights
and Measures to eighteen; Rivers and
Harbors to twenty; Merchant Marine
and Fisheries to nineteen; Foreign Af-
fairs to nineteen; Military Affairs to
nineteen; Naval Affairs to nineteen;
Public Lands to nineteen; Indian Affairs
to nineteen; Public Buildings and
Grounds to seventeen; District of Co-
lumbia to nineteen.

Bills Introduced
Among the bills introduced in the
House to-day were the following:

By Mr. Clark, of Florida: Prohibiting
common carriers of passengers from
limiting the time for the use of inter-
state tickets.

Providing for a trans-Florida ship
canal from the Atlantic to the Gulf.
By Mr. Hale, of Tennessee: Restor-
ing a flat pension of \$30 on every vet-
eran who served sixty days in the
Civil War.

By Mr. Ferris, of Oklahoma: Making
2 cents for an adult and 1 cent for a
child the maximum railroad rate per
mile chargeable for the time taken.
By Mr. Williams, of Mississippi: De-
signed to admit to American registry
foreign-bought vessels engaged in do-
mestic trade.

By Mr. Richardson, of Alabama: Ex-
empting engineer of ocean unit for field
service from riding tests.

**VIOLATED SPIRIT,
IF NOT LAW ITSELF**
(Continued From First Page.)

the Senate and House of Representa-
tives, with Wall Street, that he was
obliged to recognize them, and espe-
cially as the farmer, the cotton planter
and manufacturer were affected. He
said he wanted to know "who struck
Billy Patterson?"

Thinks President a Patriot.
He spoke of the manner in which
the financial stringency has operated.

"And," he added, "the President says
he is proud of it. At least Dahlman
says the President says he is proud of
it. I can't believe it. He has said
many things lacking discretion, but I
do not believe he is so callous as to
feel any pleasure in the condition
of paralysis which confronts us. I
believe he is a patriot, though he has
perhaps shown it badly at times."

The Senator held aloft a banking-
house certificate, and in a loud voice
called upon the Senate to look at it.
"Lookers like specimen," he declared.
"Looks like winning, but call it a spec-
imen—shin plasters—and yet they are
issued by national banks. Look at it. I
am going to have it engraved if it
can be done without destroying it, and
put it in the Congressional Record. But
I do not propose to have it destroyed,
and lose a dollar just to enlighten you
on the currency." He wanted only good
greenbacks. In rasping tones, speaking
of the necessity of money, he said:
"You will have to go to the bone-
yard if you can't get it."

Prefers Greenbacks.

As between the "shin plasters," in
the form of clearing-house certificates
and greenbacks, he said he would pre-
fer greenbacks based on railroad and
other stocks and bonds, although they
were in his opinion filled with water.
He was, he said, daily in receipt of
letters from people who think they
know all about the currency and have
schemes for currency reform.

"But I don't even read them," he
said. It had been alleged, he said, that
the bonds recently issued had not been
sold to the highest bidders, and he
read a newspaper copy of a letter by
Mr. Schram, of New York, saying he
had bid 103 1/2 on \$50,000 of the
bonds, but had not received any of
them, although they had been sold as
low as 102. The Committee on Fi-
nance, he added, could find out whether
that is true. The Comptroller of the
Currency, he said, are so complaisant
and polite while they are in office that
"almost every one of them has gradu-
ated to the presidency of a bank." The
officials about the President, he
said, go out to join the kings of
finance.

Turn On the Handcuffs.

"The President turns on the light.
Why don't he turn on the handcuffs
when he finds somebody stealing? He
goes to the country and makes
speeches and destroys the confidence
of the people, but we do not find him
putting anybody in prison."

He referred to a resolution he had
introduced in the Senate a year ago
for an inquiry into the failure of a
bank of which John R. Walsh, of Chi-
cago, was the president, but a year
and a half had gone by before the
trial had begun. As Walsh is under
trial, he said, he would not comment
further on that subject. He had on
Saturday telegraphed the district at-
torney in New York asking about re-
cent bank failures, but that official
replied that he could not give out
information regarding the investiga-
tion that is being made. "I expected
to be put off," declared the Senator.
That seems to be the policy of the
Department of Justice and the Treas-
ury Department.

Mr. Tillman said he only intended to
bring these matters before the Com-
mittee on Finance as questions of
them to answer. While they should
answer them he said he would ask
more questions.

MECKLENBURG LODGE OFFICERS.

The Old Lodge in Prosperous State.
Priest Residence Bought.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SMITH'S CROSS ROADS, VA., Decem-
ber 16.—At a regular communication
of Mecklenburg Lodge, No. 59, A. F. &
A. M., held in their hall at this place,
the following officers were elected:
Charles R. Smith, president; John R.
B. Puley, senior warden; C. S.
Gordon, junior warden; S. W. Land,
secretary; J. A. Copley, treasurer; and
M. A. Copley, senior deacon, and
M. A. Copley, junior deacon; R. L. Pul-
ley, ther. This lodge is in a most
prosperous condition, and, notwith-
standing the fact that several other
lodges of the county have been formed
from its members, all of which seem to
be getting on well, it still has a mem-
bership of about seventy-five.

Mr. C. H. Griffin, who came to this
State a short time back from Nevada,
purchased the famous old Priest resi-
dence, near this place, recently. This
is one of the fine residences of ante-
bellum days. Mrs. Griffin is a grand-
daughter of General George Washington,
she having been Miss Emma Lewis be-
fore marriage. Her parents were Gen-
eral Fairfax originally, but moved to Ne-
vada in her youth. Mrs. Griffin states
that her uncle, Mr. William Lewis, of
Lewis, Mo., has in his possession a gold
watch which was originally owned by
the Father of His Country, and handed
down through several generations to
his present owner.

URGENT PROFESSOR TO REMAIN

Students of Hampden-Sidney Anxious
for Prof. Smith to Remain.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
HAMPTON-SIDNEY, VA., December
16.—When the students here were in-
formed that Professor Stevenson Smith,
of the chair of philosophy and biology,
was considering leaving to accept a
position at another institution, a mass meet-
ing was at once called and resolutions
passed urging him to stay and express-
ing the regret and indignation of him
as a man and a teacher.
A committee, composed of representa-
tives from each class, were instruct-



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